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June 15, 1992

Dennis M. Scott, P.E.
Public Work Director
N. 8111 Jefferson Street
Spokane, WA 99260-0180

Re: NPDES Permit for Discharge to Little Spokane
River - Colbert Landfill

Dear Mr. Scott:

As you are aware, EPA, the Department of Ecology, and Spokane County will be meeting on Friday, June 19, 1992, to discuss the requirements for an NPDES permit established by the Department of Ecology in its April 28, 1992 letter, and the concerns raised by Spokane County in its June 1, 1992 letter. I am hopeful that questions regarding the NPDES permit can be resolved at this meeting to the satisfaction of all the parties.

In your letter you request a schedule extension under Section XXIV (Force Majeure) of the Consent Decree until the NPDES discharge criteria issues are resolved. You state that it is the County's intent to halt design of the Phase II remedial action. At this juncture, neither the Department of Ecology nor EPA believes that the current dispute over the NPDES discharge criteria should necessitate stoppage of all Phase II remedial action design. Therefore, the County's request for a schedule extension is denied. Should circumstances come to the attention of Ecology and EPA at the June 19 meeting or thereafter that justifies a schedule extension, your request will be reconsidered.

I look forward to meeting with the County. Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL KUNTZ
Remedial Project Manager
Toxics Cleanup Program

cc: Neil Thompson, EPA

